

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

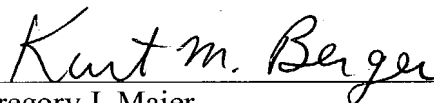
Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 and 12 are currently pending, with Claims 9-11 withdrawn as directed to a non-elected invention. Claims 1-3, 6, and 12 have been amended by the present amendment. The changes to the claims are supported by the originally filed specification and do not add new matter.

Accordingly, an early and favorable examination of Claims 1-8 and 12 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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